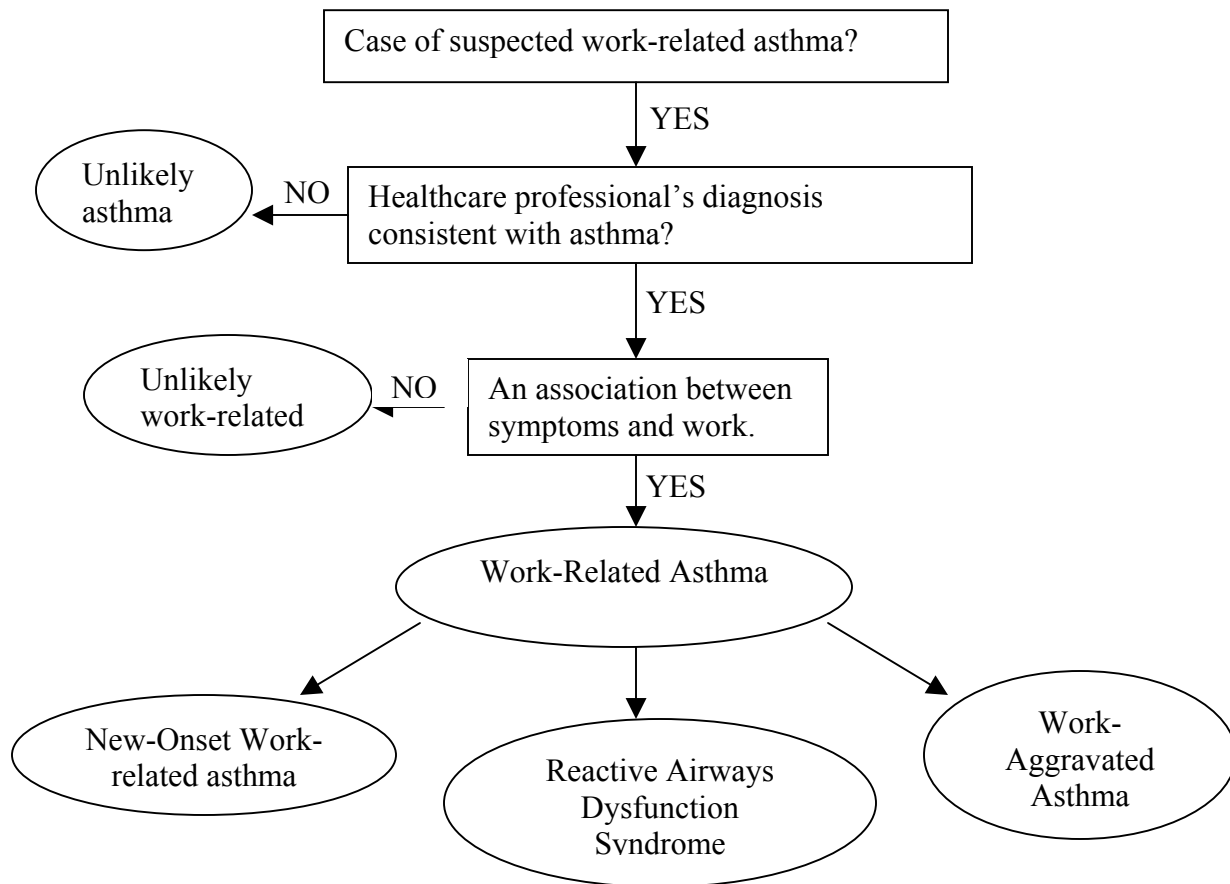


IS IT WORK-RELATED ASTHMA?



Patterns of association between symptoms and work can vary and include:

- Symptoms that develop or worsen after a worker starts a new job;
- Symptoms that develop or worsen after new materials are introduced;
- Symptoms that develop within minutes of specific activities or exposures;
- Delayed symptoms that occur several hours after exposure;
- Symptoms that occur less frequently or not at all on days away from work;
- Symptoms that occur more frequently when a worker returns to work;
- Symptoms that are temporally associated with workplace exposure to an agent with irritant properties.

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